A FORM of

PRAYERS,

Used by his late Majesty

K. *William* III.

When he Receiv'd the

Holy Sacrament,

And on other Occasions.

With a Preface by the Rt. Reverend
JOHN *Lord Bishop of* Norwich.

The Fourth Edition.

To which is added,
A PRAYER his Majesty made Use of after his Fall from his Horse.

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The Preface.

THESE Prayers are faithfully Printed without the leaſt Variation from the Original Papers, which his Majeſty conſtantly uſed. *They*

They are written in a plain, ſerious, and unaffected Style, proper to excite true Devotion, and to make Men pray with Underſtanding.

Although they were admirably ſuited to the Circumſtances of his Majeſty's Roy-

Royal Condition, yet the Matter of them is chosen with so much Judgment, that they in a manner comprehend all the things for which a Christian Man ought to Pray; and may afford great Assistance to vertuously disposed Per-

ſons of all Ranks and Qualities in their Religious Exerciſes.

By their being made public Men will ſee the high regard his Majeſty had for the Duties of the Chriſtian Religion, and how well he imployed himſelf at the Lord's

Lord's Table; where his Behaviour was ever most Grave, Humble, and Devout.

As often as his Majesty received the Sacrament, which he never failed to do four times in the Year, he always set

apart two or three Days to prepare himself for it.

When he was in the Camp, if urgent Affairs put him by the Seasons he usually allotted for his Preparation; he ordered the Sacrament to be defer'd till the Lord's Day

Day following, that he might have Opportunity to fit himſelf worthily to partake of thoſe Holy Myſteries.

There is alſo very good Reaſon to believe, that he made uſe of ſome of theſe Prayers, every Morning and Evening, when

when he retir'd into his Closet to Pray; in which daily Devotions, they, who had the Honour to attend his Person, well know, that he was most Constant and Regular.

It is therefore hoped that some

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Right hereby will be done to the Sacred Memory of that excellent Prince, who was the Glorious Inſtrument of preſerving the pure Religion, the Antient Laws, and known Liberties of this Kingdom.

Which

Which Invaluable Bleſſings he hath alſo perpetuated to us by eſtabliſhing the Succeſſion of the Crown in the Proteſtant Line, and leaving the immediate Poſſeſſion thereof to Her Preſent Majeſty, our moſt Gracious Sove-

vereign QUEEN ANNE.

Whoſe Piety, Wiſdom, Goodneſs and Mercy are Conſpicuous to the whole World, and eſpecially to all her Subjects and Allies, who are continually receiving the large and ſolid Be-

Benefits of them.

And as a farther demonſtration of her moſt affectionate and tender Care for the good of all that Miniſter in Holy Things; She hath begun a new Year of Her Life, with declaring Her generous Intention,

tion, to give all Her Revenue ariſing from the firſt Fruits and Tenths, to encreaſe the mean and inſufficient Maintenance of the Clergy, in divers Parts of the Kingdom: by which Charitable and Gracious Act She will high-

highly adorn the Reformation made by Her Anceſtors, and ſurpaſs them all in Her Munificence, and Royal Bounty to the Church of England.

May it pleaſe God to preſerve Her moſt Sacred Perſon and Government;

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to protect Her against all open Violence, and ſecret Conſpiracy; and long to continue Her to be, as ſhe moſt eminently is, the Great Defender of our excellent Conſtitution both in Church and State; the firm Support

port of the Protestant Religion; and the Guardian of the Liberty of Europe.

J. Norwich.

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A Form of

PRAYERS, &c.

JOHN IX. 4.

I must work the Works of him that sent me, while it is day, the night cometh when no man can work.

Advertiſement.

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COLOS. 3. 17.

Whatsoever ye do in word or in deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

A Prayer to God, that he would be pleased to assist and accept my Preparation to receive the B. Sacrament.

I Prostrate my self before Thee, my

moſt gracious God and merciful Father, in an humble Acknowledgment of my Unworthineſs and Inſufficiency of my ſelf, for any thing that is good. I am ſenſible that without Thee I can do nothing; and therefore do humbly implore thy gracious Aſſiſtance, and Acceptance of my endeavour to prepare my ſelf for the worthy re-

receiving of the Bleſſed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of thy dear Son.

Stir up, I beſeech thee, ſuch pious Affections and Diſpoſitions in my Soul, and fill my Mind with ſuch holy Meditations as are ſuitable to this Occaſion. Grant me ſuch a ſenſe of my Sins, and of the Sufferings of

my Bleſſed Saviour for them, as may affect my Heart with a deep Sorrow for my Sins, and an eternal Hatred and diſpleaſure againſt them, and may effectually engage me to Love, and Live to him who dy'd for me, Jeſus Chriſt my Bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Penitent Confeſſion of Sins, with an humble Supplication for Mercy and Forgiveneſs.

MOST gracious and merciful God, who art of purer

rer Eyes than to behold Iniquity: I deſire to humble my Soul before Thee, in a deep ſenſe of my own Vileneſs and Unworthineſs, by reaſon of the many Sins and Provocations which I have been guilty of againſt thy divine Majeſty; by Thought, Word and Deed. Forgive, O Lord, all the Sins and Follies of my Life, which have

bin many and great ;
and which I do now
with ſhame and ſor-
ow confeſs and bewail
before thee, for thy
mercy's ſake in Jeſus
Chriſt. Pardon, O
my God, my manifold
Neglects and Omiſſions,
nd ſlight and careleſs
erformance of the Du-
ies of Religion, with-
ut due Affection and
ttention of Mind; that
have not ſerved thee

with that purity of Intention, with that ſincerity of Heart, with that fervency of Spirit, with that Zeal for thy Glory, with that care and diligence, and conſtancy, that I ought.

Forgive, O Lord, my Sins of Ignorance and Infirmity, which are more than can be numbred; but eſpecially, all my Wilful Tranſ-

Tranſgreſſions of thy Holy and Righteous Laws; the Impurity of my Heart and Thoughts, all irregular Appetites and Paſſions, and every ſinful and wicked Practice, of what nature or kind ſoever. More particularly, I do with great ſhame and Confuſion of Face, confeſs and lament before thee, from whom nothing is hid, that I have

have greviouſly offend-
ed. * Theſe my Tranſ-
greſſions, with many
more, which I cannot
remember and reckon
up before thee, are all
in thy ſight, O Lord,
and my moſt ſecret
Sins in the light of thy
Countenance. When I
look back upon the

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* *Here* [*he was us'd to*
mention Particulars.

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Errors and Miſcarriages of my paſt Life, and conſider with my ſelf what I have done, and what I deſerve at thy Hands, my Fleſh trembleth for fear of Thee, and I am afraid of thy Judgments. I am aſhamed, O my God, and bluſh to lift up mine Eyes to thee my God. Lord, I am vile; what ſhall I anſwer Thee?

I abhor my ſelf, and repent in Duſt and Aſhes.

Make me deeply ſenſible of the great Evil of my Sins, and work in me a hearty Contrition for them; and let the ſenſe of them be more grievous to me than of any other Evil whatſoever Have mercy upon me, O Lord, and according to thy ten

tender mercies forgive all my Tranſgreſſions, for the ſake of my Bleſſed Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer for the Grace and Assistance of God's Holy Spirit, to enable me to resolve and to do better for the future.

AND now, O Lord, in Confidence of thy great Mer-

Mercy and Goodneſs to all that are truly Penitent, and ſincerely reſolve to do better, I moſt humbly implore the Grace and Aſſiſtance of thy Holy Spirit, to enable me to become every Day better, and to reform whatever has bin amiſs in the Temper and Diſpoſition of my Mind, or in any of the Actions of my Life.

Grant

Grant me the Wiſdo
and Underſtanding
know my Duty, a
the Heart and Will
do it. Vouchſafe
me the continual Pr
ſence and Directio
the Aſſiſtance and Co
forts of thy Holy Sp
rit; whereby I may
diſpos'd and enabl
to do thy Will wi
delight and cheerfu
neſs, and with pa
ence and contente

neſs to ſubmit to it
n all things. Endue
ne, O Lord, with the
rue Fear and Love of
Thee, and with a pru-
ent Zeal for thy Glo-
y. Encreaſe in me
nore and more the
Graces of Charity and
Meekneſs, of Truth,
nd Juſtice, and Fide-
ty; give me Humi-
ty and Patience, and
firmneſs of Spirit to
ear every Condition
with

with constancy and e
quality of Mind.

Enable me, O Lord
by thy Grace to go
vern all my Appetites
and every inordinat
Lust and Passion, b
Temperance ond Pur
ty, and Meekness
Wisdom; setting Th
always before me, th
I may not sin again
Thee. Create in me
clean Heart, O Go

d renew a right Spirit
ithin me, Purify my
oul from all evil
houghts and Inclina-
ons, from all bad
tentions and Deſigns.
eliver me, O Lord,
om Pride and Vani-
, from immoderate
lf-Love, and obſti-
te Self-Will, and
om all Malice and
vy, and ill Will to-
rds any.

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Make me to Lov
Thee, as I ought, abov
all things; and let th
Intereſt of thy Honou
and Glory be eve
dearer to me than m
own Will, or Reput
tion, or any Tempo
ral Advantage whatſo
ever.

Subdue in me th
evil Spirit of Wra
and Revenge; and d
poſe my Heart pa
ent

tly to bear Reproach-
and Wrongs, and to
ready not only to for-
ve, but to return good
r evil.

Assist me, O Lord,
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thful and conscien-
us Discharge of the
ties of that [high]
tion in which thou
st placed me: And
nt that I may em-
y all that Power and
portunities [and Au-
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thority] which thou haſt
[inveſted] given me
[with] for thy Glory and
the publick Good; [that
'I may Rule over Men in
'thy Fear, with Juſtice
'and Equity, eve
'ſtudying and endea
'vouring the good o
'the People committe
'to my Charge, and a
'much as in me Lye
'the Peace and Proſpe
'rity, the Welfare an
'Happineſs of Man
'kind.] Co

Confirm me, O my God, in all these holy Resolutions; and do Thou keep it for ever in the purpose of my Heart, to perform them to the utmost of my Power: All which I humbly beg for thy Mercies sake in Jesus Christ, *Amen.*

An humble Interceſſion with God for all Mankind; for the whole Chriſtian Church, and more particularly for that part of it which is planted in theſe King-

Kingdoms; [*'for 'the Queen, and for 'all under our Government*;] *for my Relations and Friends*; *for my Native Country*, [*'and for my Allies*,] &c.

I Thine unworthy Servant desire likewise humbly to inter-

ceed with Thee, the God and Father of All, for all Mankind; that thou wouldeſt be pleaſed to have Compaſſion upon their Blindneſs and Ignorance, their groſs Errours, and their wicked Practices. Send forth, I beſeech thee, thy Light, and thy Truth, to ſcatter that thick Darkneſs which covers the Nations, and overſpreads

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ſo great a part of the World; that thy Way may be known upon Earth, and thy Saving Health among all Nations.

Bleſs and preſerve thy Church diſperſed over the face of the Earth; reſtore to it Unity and Concord, in the acknowledgment of the Truth, and the practice of Righ-

teouſneſs and Goodneſs. Remove out of it all Errors and Corruptions, all Offences and Scandals, all Diviſions and Diſſenſions, all Tyranny and Uſurpation over the Minds and Conſciences of Men; that they who profeſs the ſame Faith, may no longer perſecute and deſtroy one another, but may be kind and tender-hearted

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ed one towards another, as it becomes *B*rethren, and thoſe that are Heirs of the ſame common Salvation.

I beſeech Thee more eſpecially, to be merciful to that part of thy Church, which Thou haſt planted in theſe Kingdoms. Pity the Diſtractions, and heal the Breaches of it.

Purge out of it all Impiety and Profaneneſs; take away thoſe Miſtakes, and mutual Exaſperations, which cauſe ſo much Diſtemper and Diſturbance; and reſtore to it Piety and Vertue, Peace and Charity. Endue the Paſtors and Governours of it, with the Spirit of true Religion and Goodneſs, and make them Zealous

lous and Diligent to promote it in thoſe who are under their Inſtruction and Care. Give them Wiſdom to diſcern the beſt and moſt proper Means of compoſing the Differences of this miſerably Divided Church, the Heart to endeavour it, and by thy bleſſing upon their Endeavours the happineſs to effect it.

And I beſeech Thee, O Lord, of Thy great Goodneſs, to bleſs all my Relations and Friends; [‘ particularly ‘ my Deareſt Conſort ‘ the Queen. I acknow- ‘ ledge Thy ſpecial Pro- ‘ vidence in bringing Us ‘ together, and thereby ‘ giving me the Oppor- ‘ tunity and Means of ‘ being Inſtrumental in ‘ reſcuing theſe Nations from

'from Miſery and Ruin.
'And as Thou haſt bin
'pleaſed to unite us in
'the neareſt Relation;
'ſo I beſeech Thee to
'preſerve and continue
'that entire Love and
'Affection between us,
'which becomes that
'Relation. And if it
'be thy Bleſſed Will,
'and Thou ſeeſt it beſt
'for us, bleſs us with
'Children to ſit upon
'the Throne of theſe
Kiug-

'Kingdoms, and to be
'a Bleſſing to them for
'many Generations.

Be merciful alſo, O God, to my Native Country; let true Religion and Righteouſneſs be Eſtabliſhed amongſt them, as the ſureſt Foundation of their Peace and Proſperity.

Bleſs

['Bleſs all my Al-
'lies; O Righteous
'Lord, that loveſt Righ-
'teouſneſs, and hateſt
'Falſhood and Wrong,
'do thou ſtand by us
'in the Maintenance
'of that Juſt Cauſe
'in which We are en-
'gaged, and bleſs us
'with Union and good
'Succeſs.]

And

And in Thy good time, O Lord, reſtore Peace to Chriſtendom; put an end to thoſe bloody Wars and Deſolations, wherewith it hath been ſo long and ſo miſerably harraſs'd: And, when Thou ſeeſt it beſt and fitteſt, manifeſt thy glorious Juſtice in giving check to that Ambition and Cruel-

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ty, which hath bin the cauſe of ſo great Calamities to ſo great a part of the World. O God, to whom Vengeance belongeth, O God, to whom Vengeance belongeth, ſhew thy ſelf: Lift up thy ſelf thou Judge of the Earth, and render a Reward to the Proud: Scatter the People that delight in War: Let the Wickedneſs of the Wicked

Wicked come to an end, but do thou Eſtabliſh the Juſt.

Be merciful, O God, to all that are in affliction or diſtreſs; that labour under Poverty, or Perſecution, or Captivity; under bodily Pains and Diſeaſes, or under Temptation and Trouble of Mind: Be pleaſed to ſupport and comfort them,

and

and in thy due time to deliver them, according to thy great Mercy.

Forgive, I beſeech Thee, moſt merciful Father, to all mine Enemies all their Malice and ill Will towards me; and give them Repentance and better Minds: which I heartily beg of Thee for them, as I my ſelf hope

hope for Mercy and Forgiveneſs at thy Hands, through the Merits and Mediation of Jeſus Chriſt my moſt merciful God and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Thankful Acknowledgment of the Mercies of GOD both Temporal and Spiritual; and above all for the Redemption of Mankind

kind by the Humiliation and Sufferings of his Son in our Nature.

BLeſſed and Glorious Lord God the great Creator and Preſerver, and Governor of all Things; my Saviour and Deliverer and continual Benefac-

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or; I acknowledge, admire, I adore thy nfinite Excellencies and Perfections: And let all he Creatures in Hea- en and Earth say, *men.*

Render Thanks to Thee, moſt Gracious God, for innumerable

rable Favours confer
red upon me thy poo
Creature, and moſt un
worthy; For my Being
for my Reaſon, an
for all other Endow
ments and Faculti
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and watchful Prov
dence over me fro
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Life, and through th
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nd Education: For
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ear Parents, [' and e-
ver-Honored Mother,
and Grandmother,]
nd of all others who
d the charge of me in
y tender Years: For
y unwearied Patience
wards me, after ſo ma-
and ſo great Pro-
cations: And for thy
rciful [and wonder-
] Preſervation of
me

me from innumerable Dangers [and Deaths] to which I have bin expoſed [all my Life.] I will ſtill hope in thy Goodneſs, O Lord, who haſt bin my Truſt from my Youth; by Thee have I bin holden up from the Womb; my Praiſe ſhall be continually of Thee. Above all I adore thy tender Mercy and Compaſſion to me, and all

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Mankind, in ſending thy only Son into the World to redeem us from Sin and Miſery, and by ſuffering in our Nature, and dying in our Stead, to purchaſe for us Eternal Life. I bleſs Thee for the Light of the Glorious Goſpel, for the knowledge and ſenſe of my Duty towards Thee; for delivering me from Temptations too

hard for me, and ſupporting me under many: For the Direction and Aſſiſtance, and Comforts of thy Holy Spirit: For reſtraining me by thy Grace, and reclaiming me from the Ways of Sin and Vanity: And for all the gracious Communications of thy Goodneſs, whereby Thou haſt inclined my Heart to love and fear thee, and

and enabled me in any meaſure to do thy Will.

For theſe, and all other thy Bleſſings and Favours to me, which are more than can be number'd; I render unto Thee, moſt Gracious God, all poſſible Praiſe and Thanks by Jeſus Chriſt my Bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Prayer to God, to prepare my Heart for the worthy Receiving of the Holy Sacrament, and to make me partaker of the Bleſſings

ſings and Beneſits of it.

I Come to Thee, O my Lord God, from whom are the Preparation of the Heart, and the good diſpoſition of our Minds for thy Worſhip and Service. Fit me, O Lord, by hearty Contrition for my Sins, and a ſincere Reſolu-

tion of a better Courſe, to approach thy Altar. Accept of the Expiation which thy Son hath made of all my Tranſgreſſions by the Sacrifice of Himſelf, as of a Lamb without Spot and Blemiſh. Let the remembrance of my Sins, and of his bitter Sufferings for them, pierce my very Heart, and engage me for ever to love and

ſerve

ſerve him, who laid down his Life for me. Cleanſe me, O Lord, from all filthineſs of Fleſh and Spirit, that I may be a meet Gueſt for thy Holy Table, and a real partaker of thoſe Bleſſings and Benefits which are repreſented in the Sacrament of Chriſt's Body and Blood. Strengthen, O God, all good Reſolutions in me;

enable me by thy Grace faithfully to perform the Conditions of that Covenant, which I made in Baptiſm, and intend to renew in the Holy Sacrament, by dedicating my ſelf entirely, and for ever, to the ſervice of my Bleſſed Redeemer, who hath loved me, and waſhed me from my Sins in his own Blood. To him be all Honor

and

and Glory, Thankſgiving and Praiſe, Love and Obedience for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Short Meditations and Ejaculations at the Communion.

Before the Miniſter begin the Service.

I Lift up my Soul to Thee, my God, Humbly imploring thy Bleſ-

Bleſſing upon me, and Gracious Aſſiſtance of me in the Holy Action I am now about. Forgive my want of due preparation, and Accept of my ſincere Deſire to perform an acceptable Service to Thee, through Jeſus Chriſt.

Before the Receiving of the Bread.

Lord, I am not worthy of the Crums, which fall from Thy Table.

After the Receiving of it.

Greater Love than this hath no Man, that a Man lay down his

his Life for his Friend.

Herein hath God commended his Love to us, that whilſt we were Enemies, he gave his Son to die for us.

Before Receiving of the Cup.

What ſhall I render to the Lord for all his Benefits? I will take

take the Cup of Salvation, and I will bleſs the Name of the Lord.

After the Receiving of it.

Bleſſed be God for his unſpeakable Gift, his dearly beloved Son Jeſus Chriſt, in whom we have Redemption through his Blood, even the forgiveneſs of Sins.

After the Concluſion of the whole Action.

Bleſs the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me bleſs his Holy Name. Bleſs the Lord, O my Soul, and forget not all his Benefits; who forgiveth all thine Iniquities, and healeth all thy Diſeaſes: Who redeemeth thy Life from deſtruction;

ſtruction; and crowneth thee with loving Kindneſs, and tender Mercies: who ſatisfieth thy Mouth with good things. Bleſs the Lord, O my Soul.

A Prayer to be uſed in private afterwards.

I praiſe and magnify thy great and glorious Name, O Lord my God, for the bleſſed

ſed Opportunity afford-
ed to me this day, of
Commemorating Thy
infinite Goodneſs and
Mercy to me and all
Mankind, in ſending
thy only Son into
the World to take our
Nature upon him, to
ſubmit to the Infirmi-
ties and Miſeries of it,
to live amongſt us, and
to Dye for us: And
to preſerve the Memo-
ry of this great Love
and

and Goodneſs of Thine to us for ever in our Hearts, that Thou haſt bin pleaſed to appoint the Bleſſed Sacrament, for a Solemn Remembrance of it. Grant, O Lord, that I may faithfully keep and perform that Holy Covenant which I have this Day ſo ſolemnly renewed and confirm'd in thy Preſence, and at thy Table. Let

it

it be an eternal Obligation upon me of perpetual Love and Obedience to Thee. Let nothing ſeem hard for me to do, or grievous for me to ſuffer for thy ſake, who whilſt I was a Sinner, and an Enemy to Thee, loveſt me at ſuch a rate as never any Man did his Friend. Grant that by this Sacrament there may be conveyed

to

to my Soul new Spiritual Life and Strength, and such a measure of thy Grace and Assistance as may enable me to a greater care of my Duty for the future: That I may henceforth live as becomes the Redeemed of the Lord; even to him who died for my Sins, and rose again for my Justification, and is now sate down on the right hand of the Throne

of

of God, to make Intercession for me: In his Holy Name and Words, I conclude my imperfect Prayers.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come; Thy Will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Trespasses, as we forgive them that have trespassed against us. And lead us not into Temptation, but deliver us from Evil: For thine is the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory, for ever. Amen.

A Prayer his Majeſty made uſe of after his fall from his Horſe.

O Almighty God, the Creator and Preſerver of Men, from Everlaſting to Everlaſting thou art God; but time and chance happen to all things under the Sun; and in the midſt of Safety we are in Danger.

Yet, O Bleſſed God, it is ſtill in thee that we Live, and Move, and have our being; and our Times and Lives are in thy Hands. A Sparrow falls not to the Ground without thy leave and direction; much leſs are the Perſons of Kings ſhut out from thy Rule and Gover-

Governance. I desire to adore thee in these depths of thy over-ruling Providence, which I am not able to Fathom. I believe that Affliction springs not out of the Dust: I humbly submit to thy Fatherly Discipline; for thou Correctest in Mercy, and for my Profit. Thou, O Lord, hast exercised me from my Youth up until now with Troubles and Difficulties, and has hitherto carried me safely thro' the manifold Changes and Chances of this Mortal Life. O, be thou, still my God and my Guide. Preserve in me always a due Sense of the instability of all worldly things: Let my Heart there be fix'd, where true and lasting Joys are to be found; and Grant I never may be unprepar'd for Death and Judgment.

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